



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Mikio ITO et al.**

Art Unit: **2188**

Application Number: **10/739,353**

Examiner: **Jasmine Song**

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For: **RAID APPARATUS AND LOGICAL DEVICE  
EXPANSION METHOD THEREOF**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2006, and having a response due date initially set for April 13, 2006. A concurrently filed Petition for One-Month Extension of Time extends the period of response to end on May 13, 2006. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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